

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Agriculture Department – Sri V. Nagaraju, former Agricultural Officer (Retd.) – Initiated disciplinary action for not launching prosecution in misbranded insecticide cases under Insecticide Act, 1968 – Explanation submitted – Inquiry conducted – Show cause notice issued under Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Representation submitted – Penalty of withholding of 05% pension for a period of 5 years – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No: 913

Dated:20-07-2009.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.454, Agri. & Coop. (Vig.I) Dept., Dated.27-05-2003.
 2. Written statement of Defence of Sri V.Nagaraju, (Retd) A.O., Ananthapur, Dated. 30-11-2003.
 3. Govt.Memo.No.7104/Vig.I/A1/2003-6, Agri. & Coopn. (Vig.I) Department Dated.25-11-2006.
 4. From the C&DA, Hyd.,Lr.No.Vig.IV(2)613/02, Dated.09-04-2007, along with Inquiry Report of Inquiry Authority.
 5. Govt.Memo.No.7104/Vig.I/A1/2003-8, Agri. & Coopn. (Vig.I) Dept., Dated .21-08-2007.
 6. From Sri V.Nagaraju, former AO (Retd) written representation dated 12-10-2007.
 7. Govt.Lr.No.7104/Vig.I/A1/2003-10, Agri. & Coopn. (Vig.I) Dept., dated 1-5-2009.
 8. From the Secaretery, APPSC Ir.No.605/ERT-I/2/2009, dated 6-6-2009.
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ORDER:

The Government have initiated disciplinary action against Sri V. Nagaraju, former Agricultural Officer (QC) (Retd) office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapur District as he has failed in discharging his legitimate duty as Agriculture Officer (QC). Vide reference 1st cited read above, the following (1) One charge has been framed against him, under APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and he was directed to submit his written statement of defence.

Article of Charge: That the said Sri V. Nagaraju, former Agril. Officer O/o the Joint Director of Agriculture Ananthapur now retired while working as Agriculture Officer (QC) O/o the Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapur has not taken any initiation on the pending items pertaining to Insecticide Act, 1968 and violation of Act and allowed the period of 3 years to lapse in respect of (9) cases. Thus he has failed in discharging his legitimate duties as Agriculture Officer (QC) and violated rule (3) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. The Charged Officer has submitted written statement of defence vide reference 2nd read above, wherein he has submitted that the charge framed against him is based on false complaint made by the Assistant Director of Agriculture (PP) and Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapur District and requested to drop further action.

3. The Deputy Director of Agriculture, Office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapur District was appointed as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charge. The Inquiry Officer has conducted the regular inquiry and submitted his inquiry report. In the inquiry has been found that Sri V.Nagaraju, Agriculture Officer (QCI) O/o. The Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapur District has not taken any initiation on the pending

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9 (nine) misbranded cases for launching prosecution in the court law during his tenure from 9-11-1998 to 30-6-2001. Though he was entrusted to work of QCI to assist the Joint Director of Agriculture in processing case pertaining to Seeds, fertilizers and pesticides in obtaining opinion from Government Pleaders and filing charge sheets in various courts etc., he failed to do so.

4. After examining the inquiry report submitted by the Inquiry Authority, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding 05% pension for a period of 5 years under rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, the Inquiry report has been communicated to Sri V. Nagaraju, former Agricultural Officer (QC) (Retd) office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapur District as per rules in force and the Charged Officer has been requested to show cause why a penalty of withholding 05% pension for a period of 5 years under rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 should not be imposed against him. Vide reference 6th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written representation to the show cause notice issued by the Government and contended that he has not done any mistake, and requested to drop further action against him in the matter.

5. Government have examined the written representation submitted by the Charged Officer, with reference to the records available and observed that non filing of prosecution cases against misbranded insecticides is a serious lapse on the part of the Charged Officer. Therefore, Government have decided to confirm the provisional penalty of withholding 05% pension for a period of 5 years against Sri V. Nagaraju, former Agricultural Officer (QC) (Retd) office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapur District under Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. The APPSC has given its concurrence to the above proposed penalty of the Government.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of withholding 5% pension for a period of 5 years against Sri V. Nagaraju, former Agricultural Officer (QC) (Retd) office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapur District under Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad, shall take necessary action accordingly. The S.Rs of the individual in 5 (Vols.) bound are returned herewith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**RACHEL CHATTERJEE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri V. Nagaraju, former Agricultural Officer (QC) (Retd)
office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Ananthapur District
(through C&DA., A.P., Hyderabad).

Copy to:

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad (w.e.).
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER